

House Resolution

No. 16

Introduced by Assembly Member Matthews

February 14, 2003

House Resolution No. 16—Relative to the budget of the California State Assembly.

1 WHEREAS, Schools have already taken a \$3 billion blow to
2 their budgets over an 18-month period; and
3 WHEREAS, Health and human services programs have been hit
4 with \$2 billion in cuts; and
5 WHEREAS, As a result of these cuts, many are at risk for losing
6 Medi-Cal health coverage; and
7 WHEREAS, The Budget Act of 2002 authorized up to a
8 5-percent reduction of state operations appropriations to reflect a
9 total reduction of up to \$750 million; and
10 WHEREAS, Mid-year budget reductions dealt an additional
11 blow to general government operations, which will most likely
12 result in layoffs and the withholding of salary increases; and
13 WHEREAS, Given the magnitude of the anticipated two-year
14 budget shortfall, the Governor issued an order to identify General
15 Fund savings and reduce expenditures in state operations; and
16 WHEREAS, A reduction in the budget of the California State
17 Assembly will set an example for state agencies to follow by
18 reviewing their own operating costs, and implementing
19 across-the-board cuts in spending; now, therefore, be it
20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
21 Committee on Rules of the California State Assembly is directed

- 1 to review the Assembly operating budget to identify cost savings
- 2 that reduce General Fund expenditures for the 2003–04 fiscal year.

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